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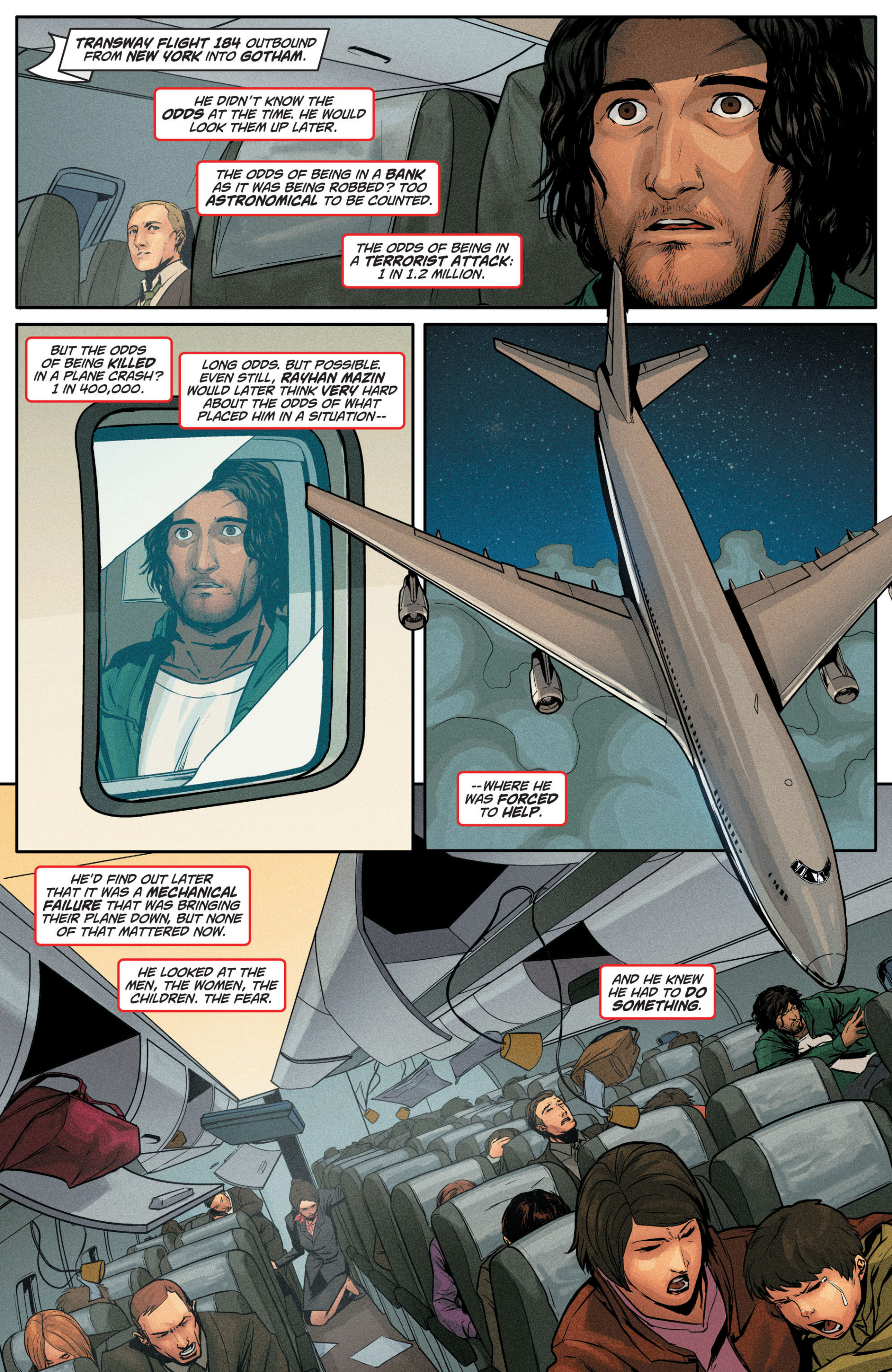
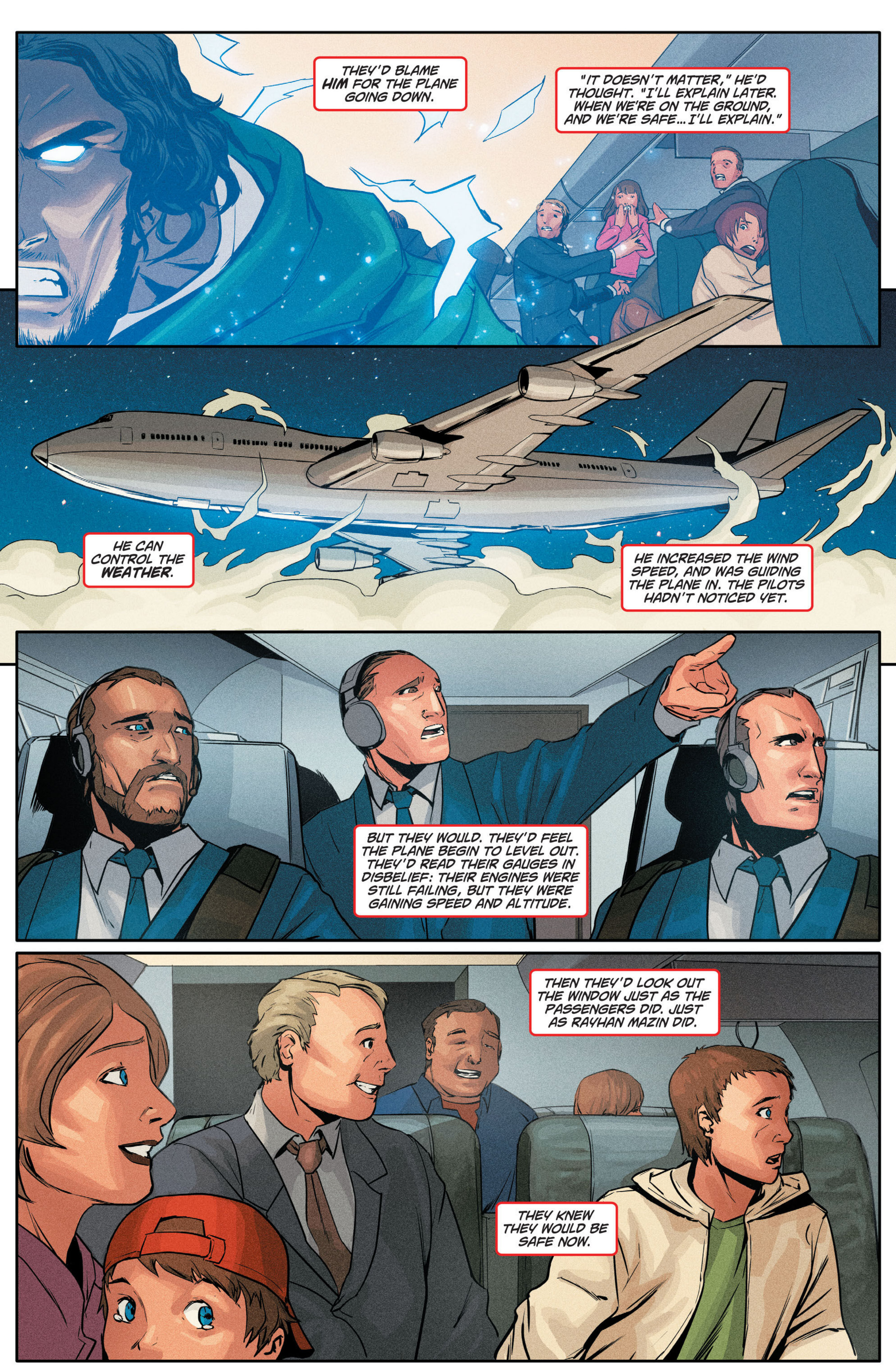

TRANSWAY FLIGHT 184 OUTBOUND FROM NEW YORK INTO GOTHAM.
HE DIDN'T KNOW THE ODDS AT THE TIME. HE WOULD LOOK THEM UP LATER.
THE ODDS OF BEING IN A BANK AS IT WAS BEING ROBBED? TOO ASTRONOMICAL TO BE COUNTED.
THE ODDS OF BEING IN A TERRORIST ATTACK: 1 IN 1.2 MILLION.
BUT THE ODDS OF BEING KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH? 1 IN 400,000.
LONG ODDS. BUT POSSIBLE. EVEN STILL, RAYHAN MAZIN WOULD LATER THINK VERY HARD ABOUT THE ODDS OF WHAT PLACED HIM IN A SITUATION--
--WHERE HE WAS FORCED TO HELP.
HE'D FIND OUT LATER THAT IT WAS A MECHANICAL FAILURE THAT WAS BRINGING THEIR PLANE DOWN, BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERED NOW.
HE LOOKED AT THE MEN, THE WOMEN, THE CHILDREN. THE FEAR.
AND HE KNEW HE HAD TO DO SOMETHING.

BECAUSE RAYHAN MAZIN IS A METAHUMAN, AND HE HAD THE POWER TO SAVE EVERYONE ON THE PLANE.
HE'D NEVER USED HIS POWERS OR TOLD A SOUL ABOUT WHAT HE COULD DO. HE WAS AN ARAB-AMERICAN. HE KNEW THAT HE MAY MAKE PEOPLE NERVOUS. AND BEING ONE OF THE "HEROES" WHO TOOK TO THE SKIES... IT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT INTERESTED HIM.
HE EVEN KNEW WHAT THIS WAS GOING TO LOOK LIKE.


THEY'D BLAME HIM FOR THE PLANE GOING DOWN.
"IT DOESN'T MATTER," HE'D THOUGHT. "I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. WHEN WE'RE ON THE GROUND, AND WE'RE SAFE... I'LL EXPLAIN."
HE CAN CONTROL THE WEATHER.
HE INCREASED THE WIND SPEED, AND WAS GUIDING THE PLANE IN. THE PILOTS HADN'T NOTICED YET.
BUT THEY WOULD. THEY'D FEEL THE PLANE BEGIN TO LEVEL OUT. THEY'D READ THEIR GAUGES IN DISBELIEF: THEIR ENGINES WERE STILL FAILING, BUT THEY WERE GAINING SPEED AND ALTITUDE.
THEN THEY'D LOOK OUT THE WINDOW JUST AS THE PASSENGERS DID. JUST AS RAYHAN MAZIN DID.
THEY KNEW THEY WOULD BE SAFE NOW.

HEROES HAD SAVED THEM.
WE CAN BE HEROES
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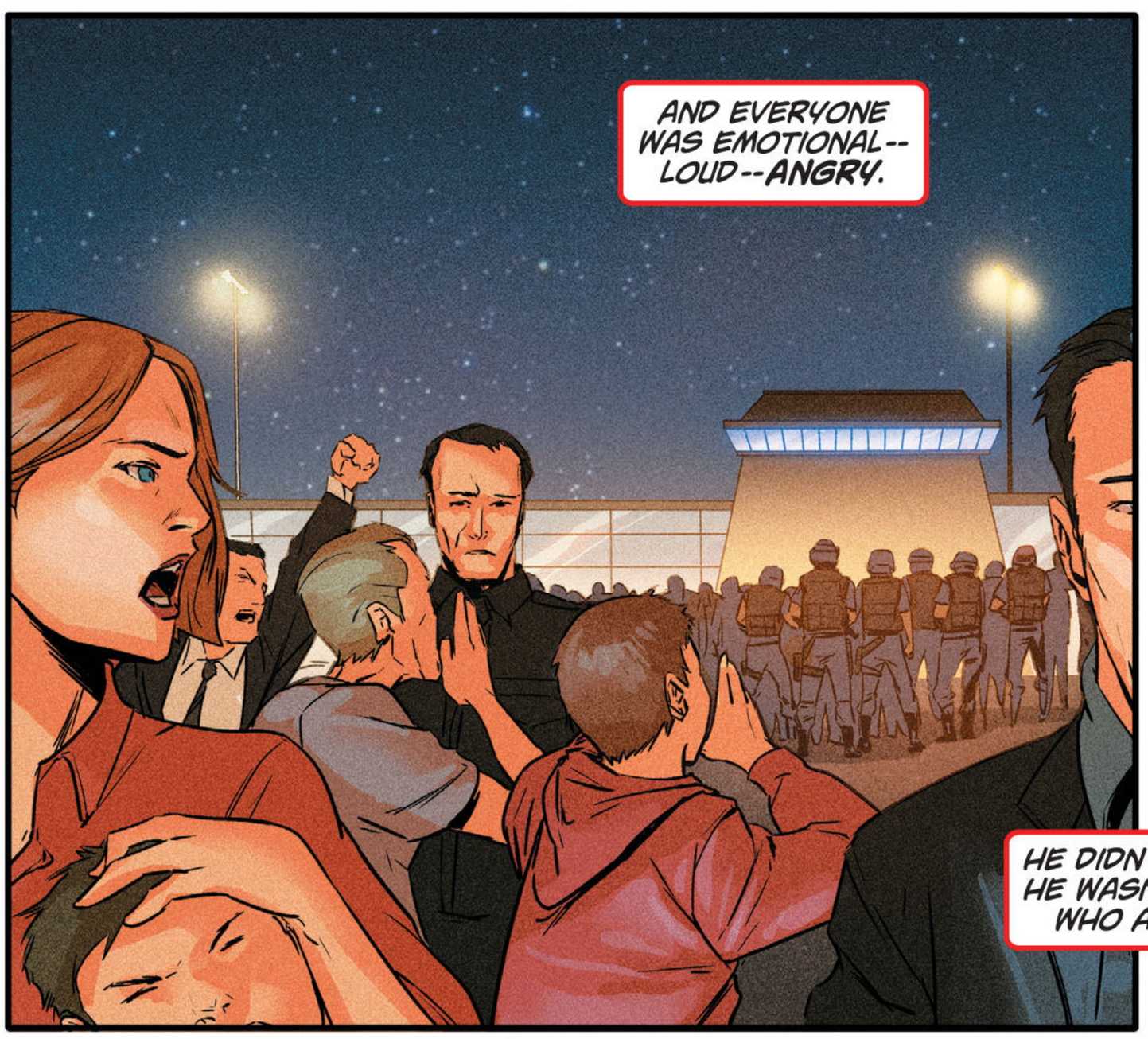
HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN--BUT IT WAS CONFUSING.


AND EVERYONE WAS EMOTIONAL--LOUD--ANGRY.

HE DIDN'T ARGUE. HE WASN'T A MAN WHO ARGUED.

HE DECIDED TO JUST WAIT. THERE WOULD BE A QUIET MOMENT WHEN HE COULD TELL THEM THE TRUTH.
THEY'D UNDERSTAND ONCE HE COULD EXPLAIN.

AND HE HAS EXPLAINED. OFTEN.

SIX MONTHS LATER.
RENATTA DETENTION FACILITY.
THEY JUST DON'T BELIEVE HIM.
HE HAS BEEN DENIED AN ATTORNEY. DENIED ANY CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY OR THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. AGAIN, I WAS BORN IN QURAC. MY FAMILY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN I WAS--

IN CASES LIKE RAYHAN'S, THEY ASSIGN HIM A NEW INTERROGATOR EVERY THREE WEEKS. IT'S SIMPLY TO AVOID THE INTERROGATOR'S GETTING FRUSTRATED.
BECAUSE RAYHAN'S ANSWERS NEVER CHANGE.
THIRTEEN YEARS OLD. YOU WERE AN EXEMPLARY STUDENT, WENT TO STANFORD TO STUDY CHEMICAL ENGINEERING. THAT'S A RED FLAG FOR US.

THAT AND THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE POWERS.
THAT I NEVER USED, I--

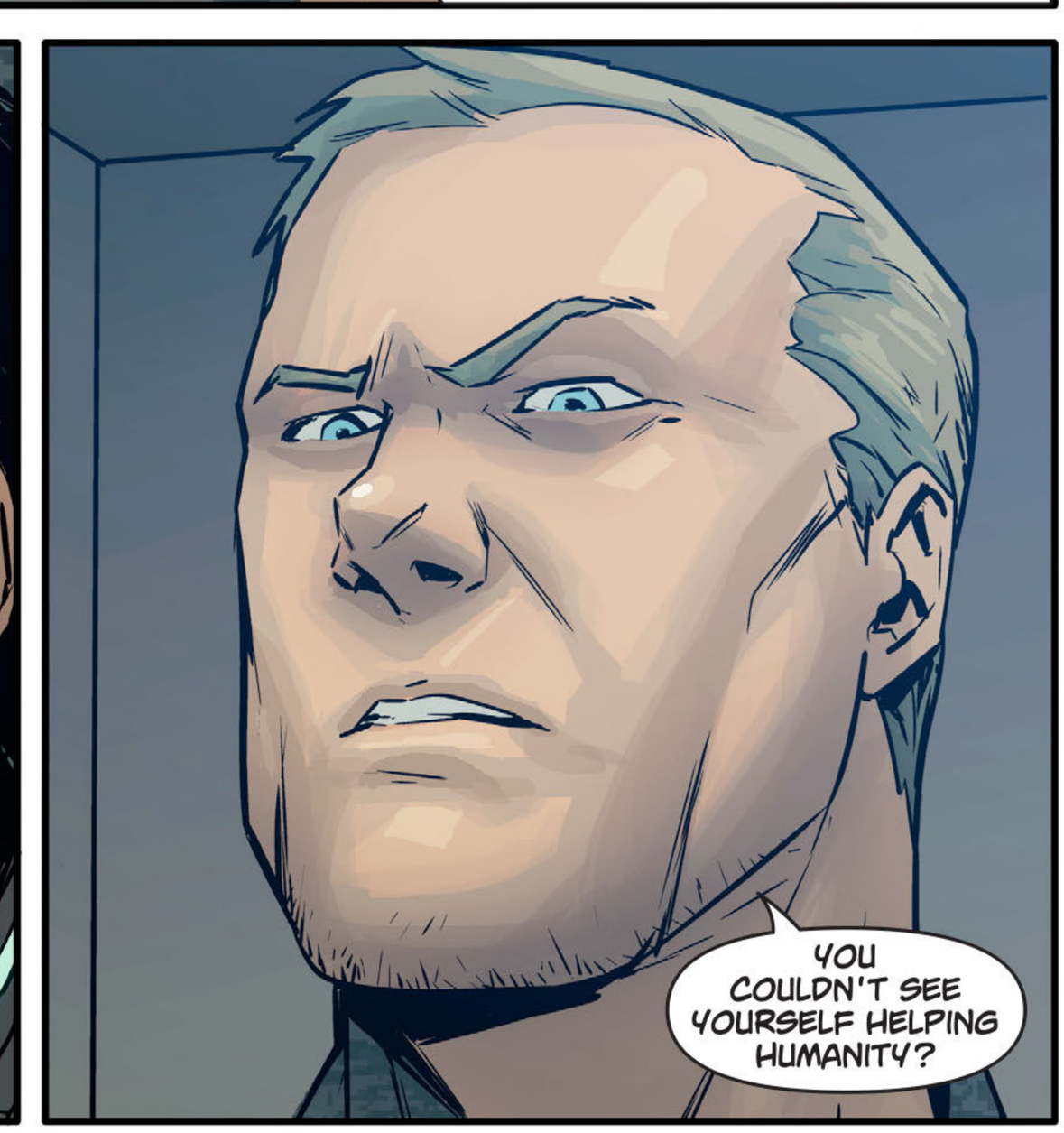
UNTIL YOU DECIDED TO BRING AN AIRPLANE DOWN WITH 316 PEOPLE ON IT. A CHEMICAL SCIENTIST! WHO'S GOT SUPER POWERS!
I WASN'T TRYING TO--
DID YOU CREATE YOUR POWERS? ARE YOU JUST THE FIRST METAHUMAN TERRORIST WE'RE GOING TO SEE?

WE HAVE BEEN OVER THIS--I'M NOT A TERRORIST. THESE ABILITIES--THEY JUST--WHEN I WAS FOURTEEN THEY JUST STARTED--I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE BECAUSE I KNEW PEOPLE WOULD BE...
WHAT?

FRIGHTENED. I KNOW WHAT PEOPLE WOULD THINK OF AN ARAB WITH POWERS.

MAYBE THEY'D THINK YOU'D TRY TO CRASH AN AIRPLANE. MANY METAHUMANS USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD. Y'KNOW, SUPER HEROES WE CALL THEM.

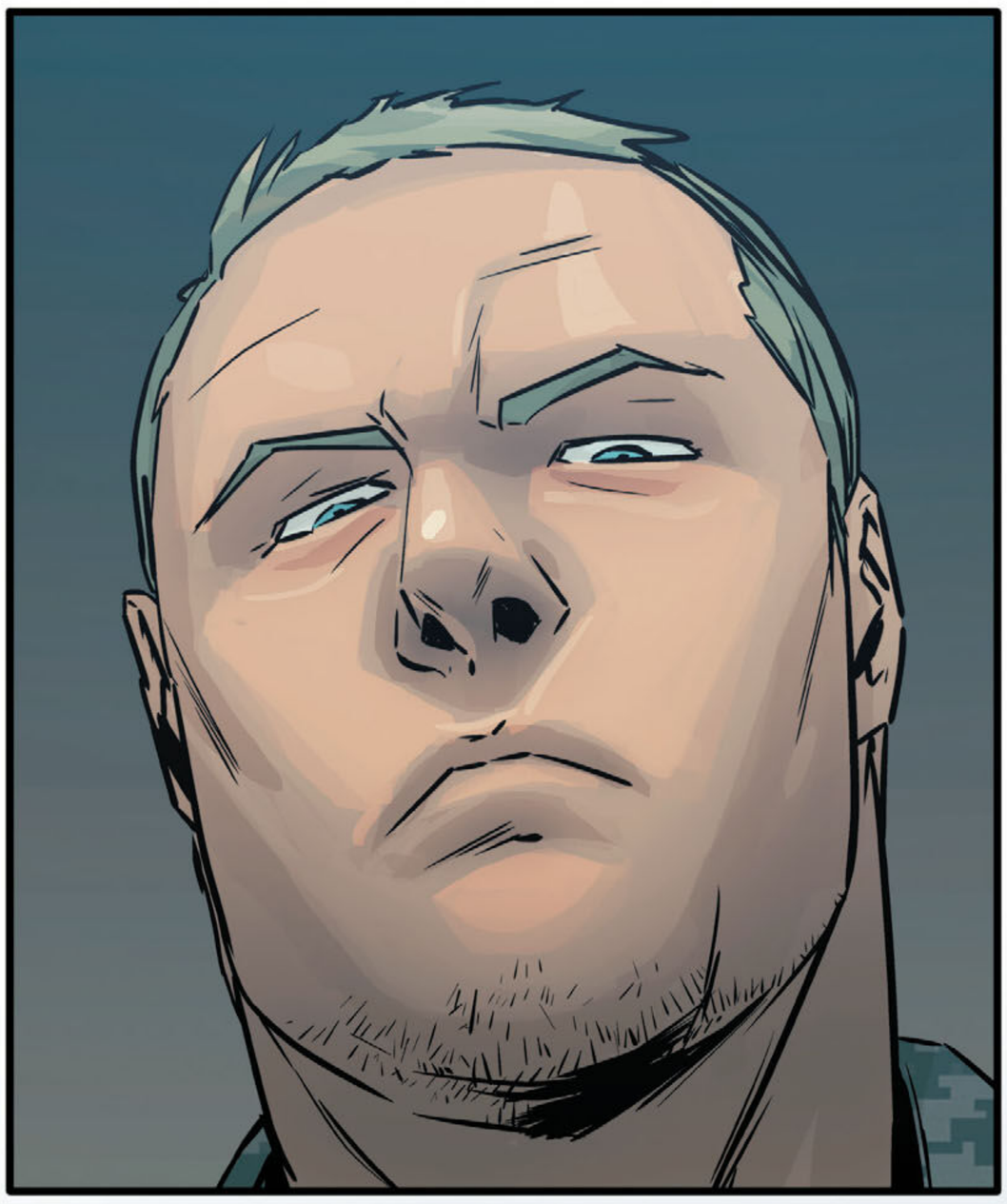
I DIDN'T WANT TO.


YOU COULDN'T SEE YOURSELF HELPING HUMANITY?

NO.
I WAS SCARED.

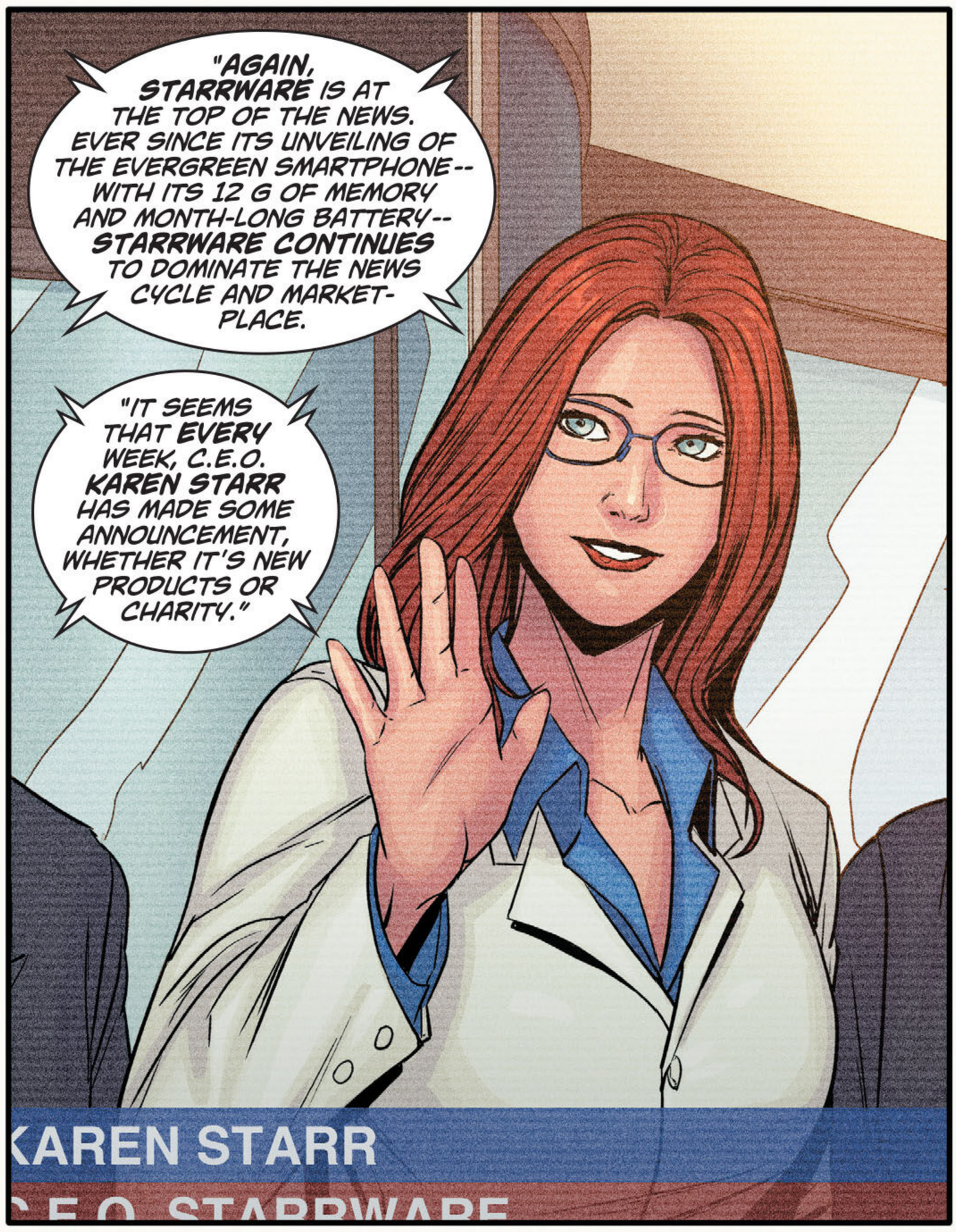
BUT, PLEASE...CAN YOU PLEASE TELL ME HOW MY FATHER IS? HE WAS... HE WAS ILL WHEN I CAME HERE. YOU DON'T LET ME SPEAK TO MY FAMILY SO--
YOU WHINING ABOUT YOUR CIVIL LIBERTIES?

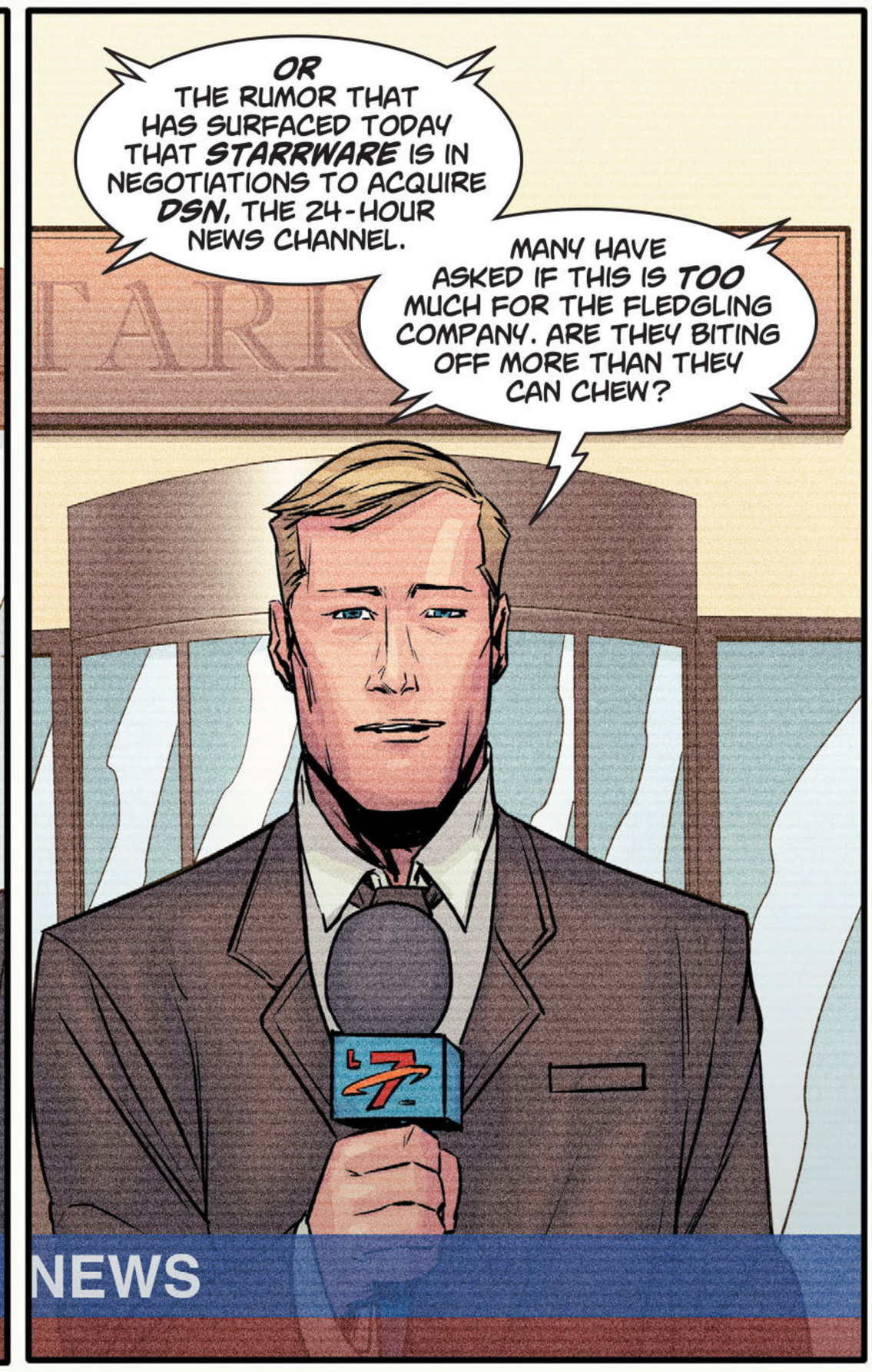
I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW HE IS. I'VE ASKED FOR NOTHING. I JUST WANT THAT. HOW IS MY FATHER?



I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO. BUT, YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN US A THING.

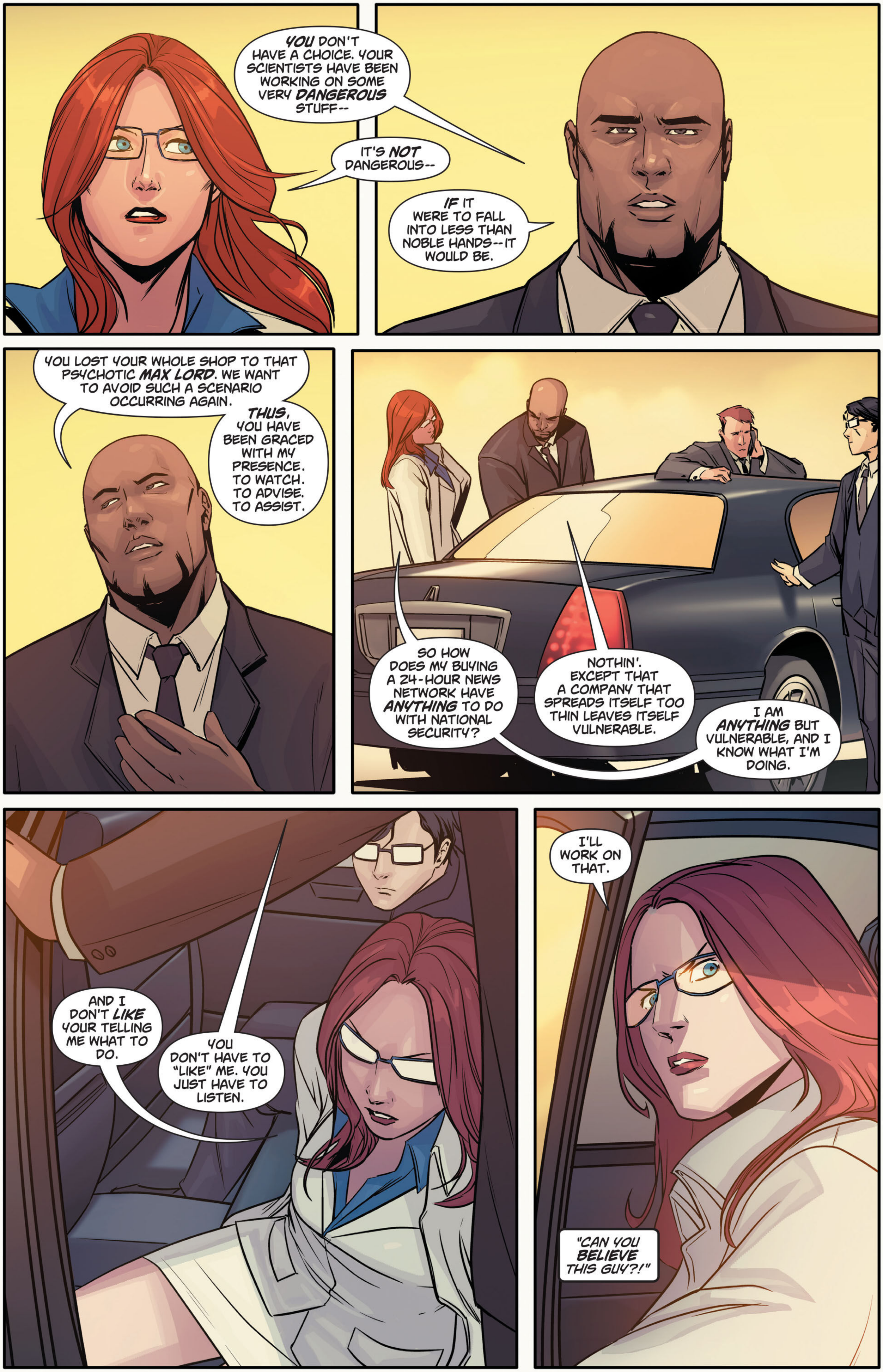
WE USUALLY DON'T REWARD THAT.
"STARRWARE IS ON FIRE!


"AGAIN, STARRWARE IS AT THE TOP OF THE NEWS. EVER SINCE ITS UNVEILING OF THE EVERGREEN SMARTPHONE-- WITH ITS 12 G OF MEMORY AND MONTH-LONG BATTERY-- STARRWARE CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE NEWS CYCLE AND MARKET-PLACE.
"IT SEEMS THAT EVERY WEEK, C.E.O. KAREN STARR HAS MADE SOME ANNOUNCEMENT, WHETHER IT'S NEW PRODUCTS OR CHARITY."
KAREN STARR


OR THE RUMOR THAT HAS SURFACED TODAY THAT STARRWARE IS IN NEGOTIATIONS TO ACQUIRE DSN, THE 24-HOUR NEWS CHANNEL.
MANY HAVE ASKED IF THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR THE FLEDGLING COMPANY. ARE THEY BITING OFF MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW?
NEWS

YOU'VE GOT TO SLOW DOWN.

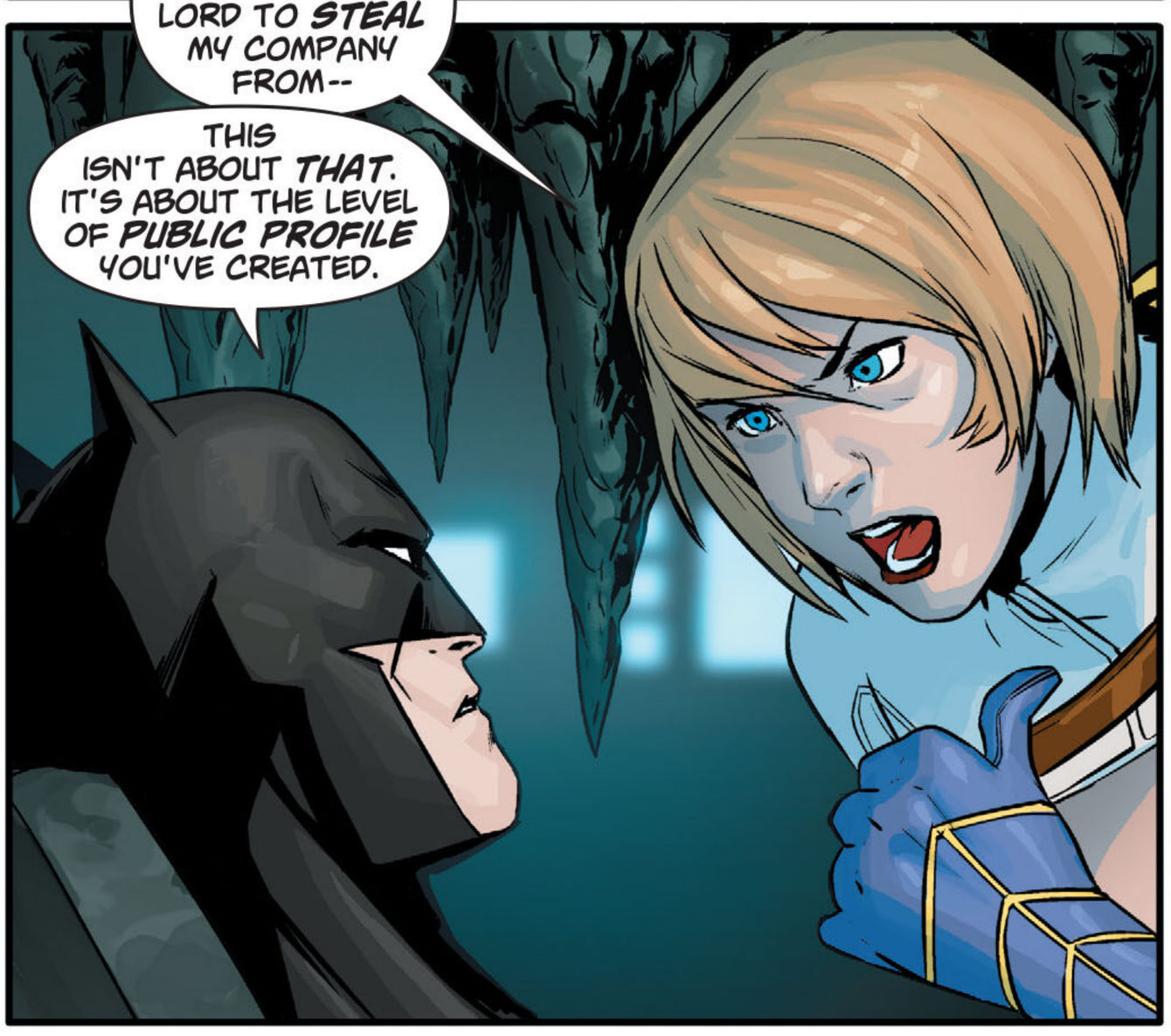
I DIDN'T REALIZE BUSINESS DECISIONS WERE YOUR PROVINCE, AGENT TEMAN.
STARRWARE IS MY PROVINCE. I AM YOUR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY LIAISON.
THAT WE DON'T NEED.


YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. YOUR SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SOME VERY DANGEROUS STUFF--
IT'S NOT DANGEROUS--
IF IT WERE TO FALL INTO LESS THAN NOBLE HANDS--IT WOULD BE.
YOU LOST YOUR WHOLE SHOP TO THAT PSYCHOTIC MAX LORD. WE WANT TO AVOID SUCH A SCENARIO OCCURRING AGAIN.
THUS, YOU HAVE BEEN GRACED WITH MY PRESENCE. TO WATCH. TO ADVISE. TO ASSIST.
SO HOW DOES MY BUYING A 24-HOUR NEWS NETWORK HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH NATIONAL SECURITY?
NOTHIN'. EXCEPT THAT A COMPANY THAT SPREADS ITSELF TOO THIN LEAVES ITSELF VULNERABLE.
I AM ANYTHING BUT VULNERABLE, AND I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
AND I DON'T LIKE YOUR TELLING ME WHAT TO DO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO "LIKE" ME. YOU JUST HAVE TO LISTEN.
I'LL WORK ON THAT.
"CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS GUY?!"

TELLING ME TO SLOW DOWN. "SLOW DOWN!" SOME GUN-TOTING SUIT, GETTING UP IN MY GRILLE--

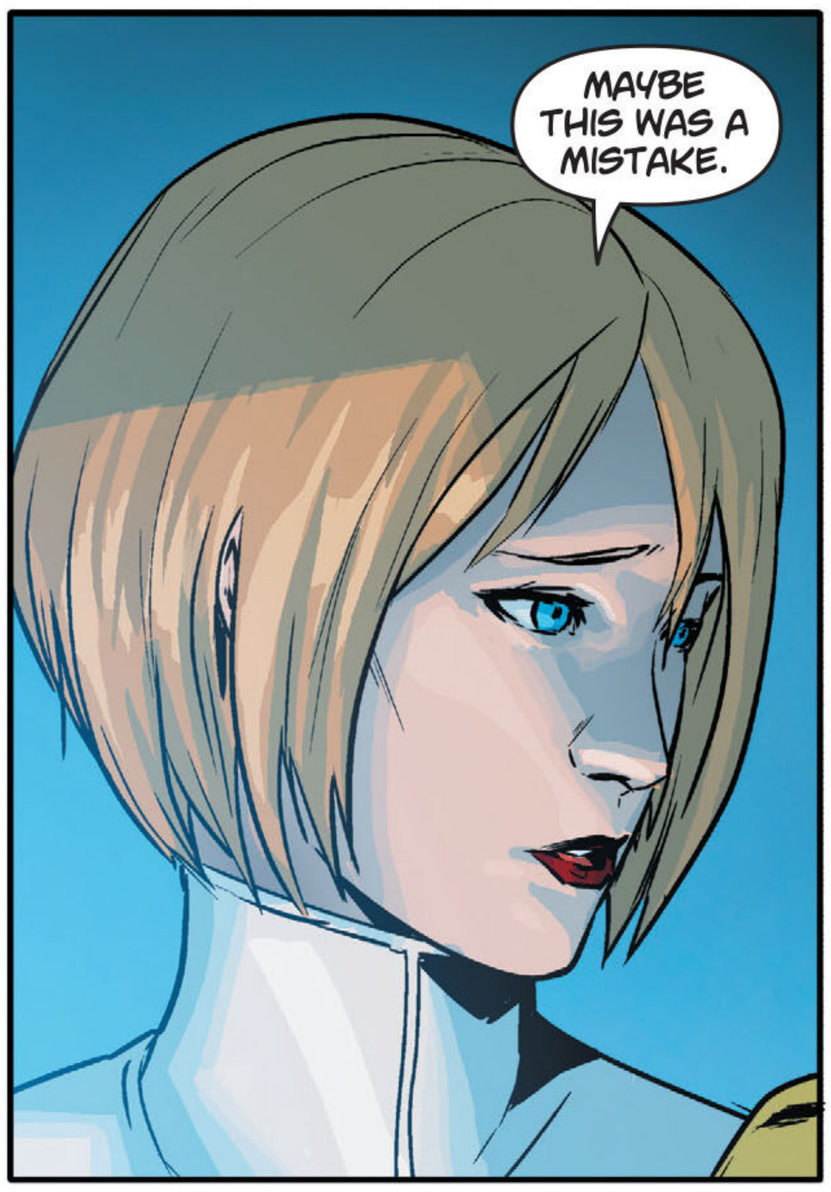
TEMAN'S CLEAN. GOOD RECORD. MARINE. SPECIAL OPS. THRICE DECORATED. HE'S A STRAIGHT SHOOTER.

HE'S A GIGANTIC PAIN IN THE--!!

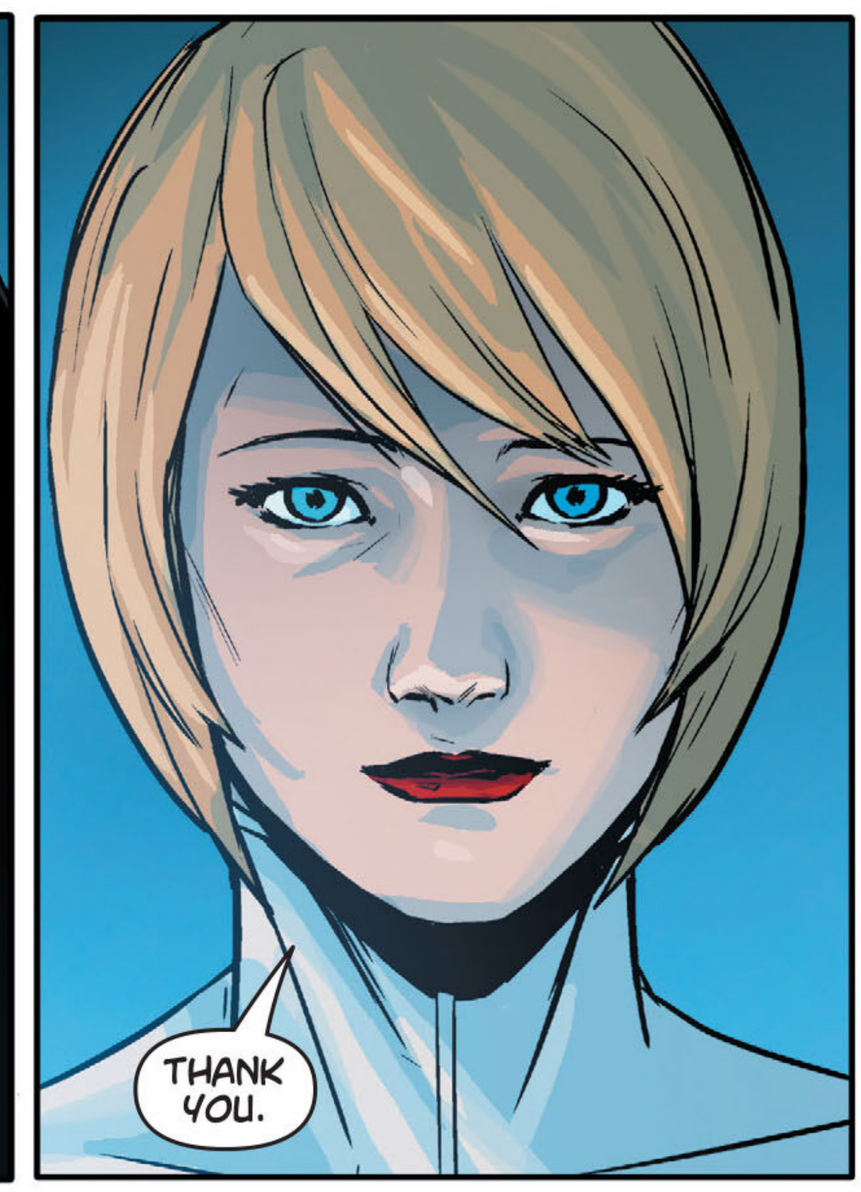


YOU'RE A SHAVED HEAD AWAY FROM BEING LEX LUTHOR. YOU'RE GOING TO BE WATCHED.

I GUESS IT WOULD BE EASIER IF I PRETENDED I WAS A DRUNK PLAYBOY.
IT WOULD. BUT NOT NEARLY AS EFFECTIVE.


MAYBE THIS WAS A MISTAKE.

NO.
I THINK THE WORLD NEEDS A KAREN STARR.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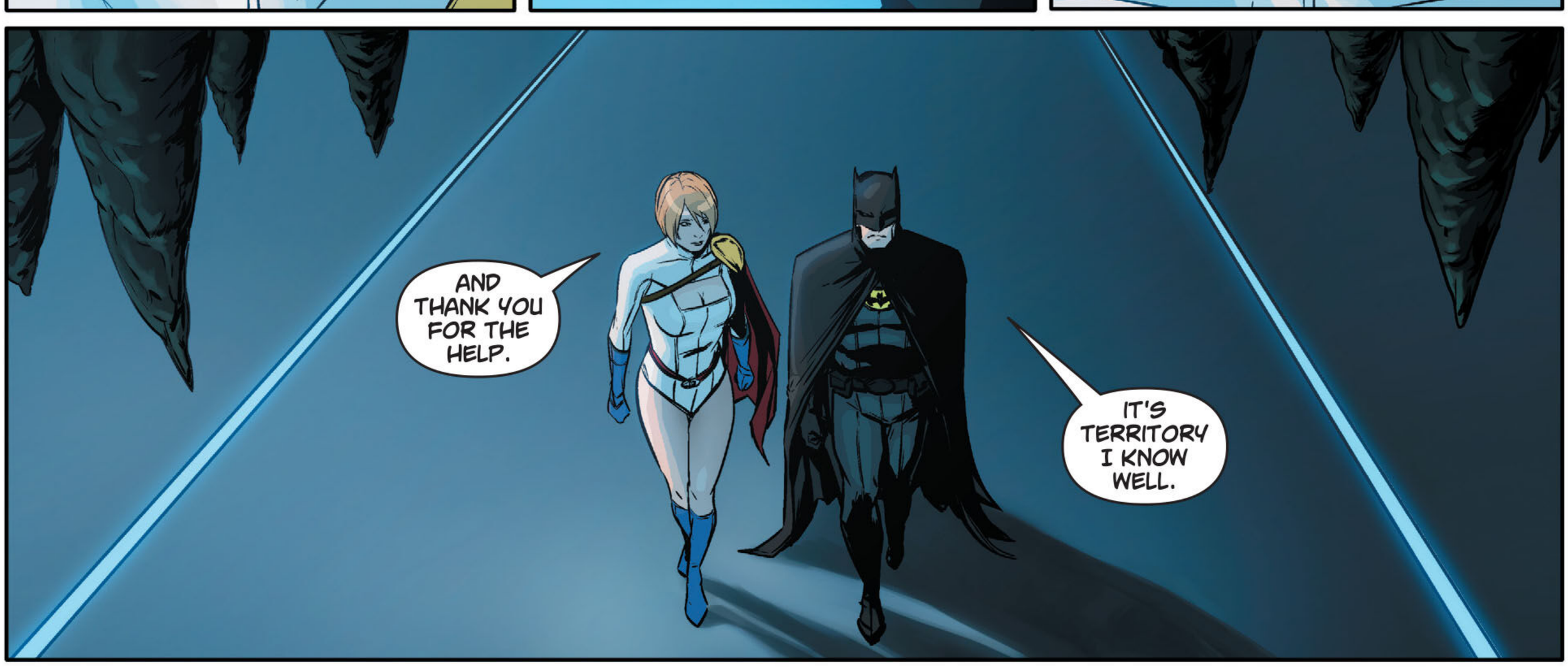

AND THANK YOU FOR THE HELP.
IT'S TERRITORY I KNOW WELL.

GOTHAM CITY.

"I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU FIND YOUR FEET."

"BRUCE WAYNE AND KAREN STARR LEAD THE WEEK-LONG SUMMIT OF FELLOW PHILANTHROPISTS AT THE LAUNCH OF THEIR JOINT VENTURE INTO BRINGING EXPANDED HEALTH SERVICES TO AFRICA.

"--MAKING THE CLAIM THAT MONEY ALONE WILL NOT FURTHER THE CAUSE, BUT STRICT SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF THE DELIVERY OF THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND PRACTITIONERS.

"WHILE NEVER ACTUALLY STATING THAT BATMAN INCORPORATED WOULD PLAY A ROLE IN THIS ENDEAVOR, IT SEEMS TO BE IMPLIED.

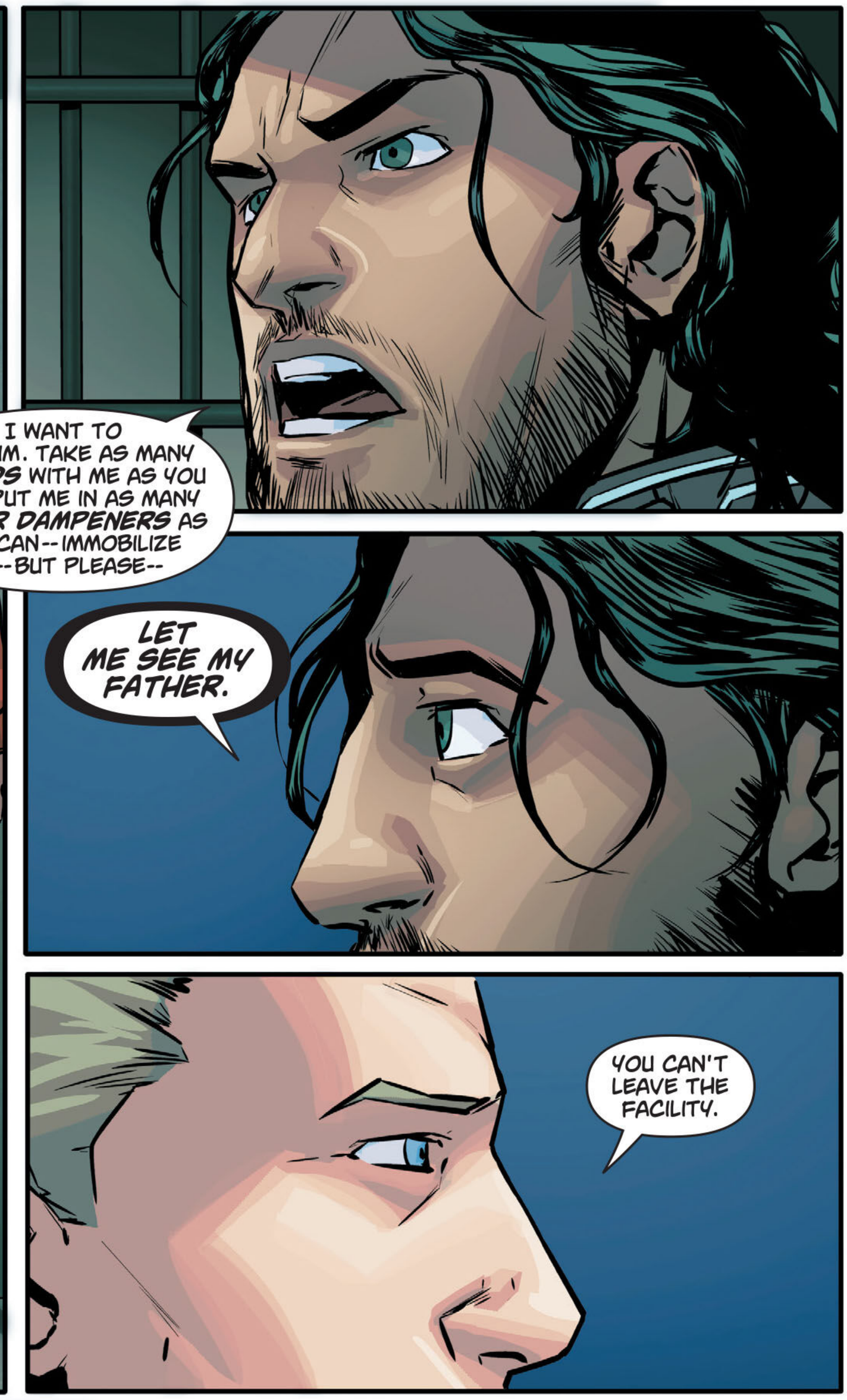
"IT CERTAINLY FEELS LIKE STARRWARE AND WAYNE INDUSTRIES WILL BRING HELP BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

"HELPING SO MANY WHO SEEM SO FAR OUT OF REACH."

I WANT TO SEE HIM.

YOU CAN'T.

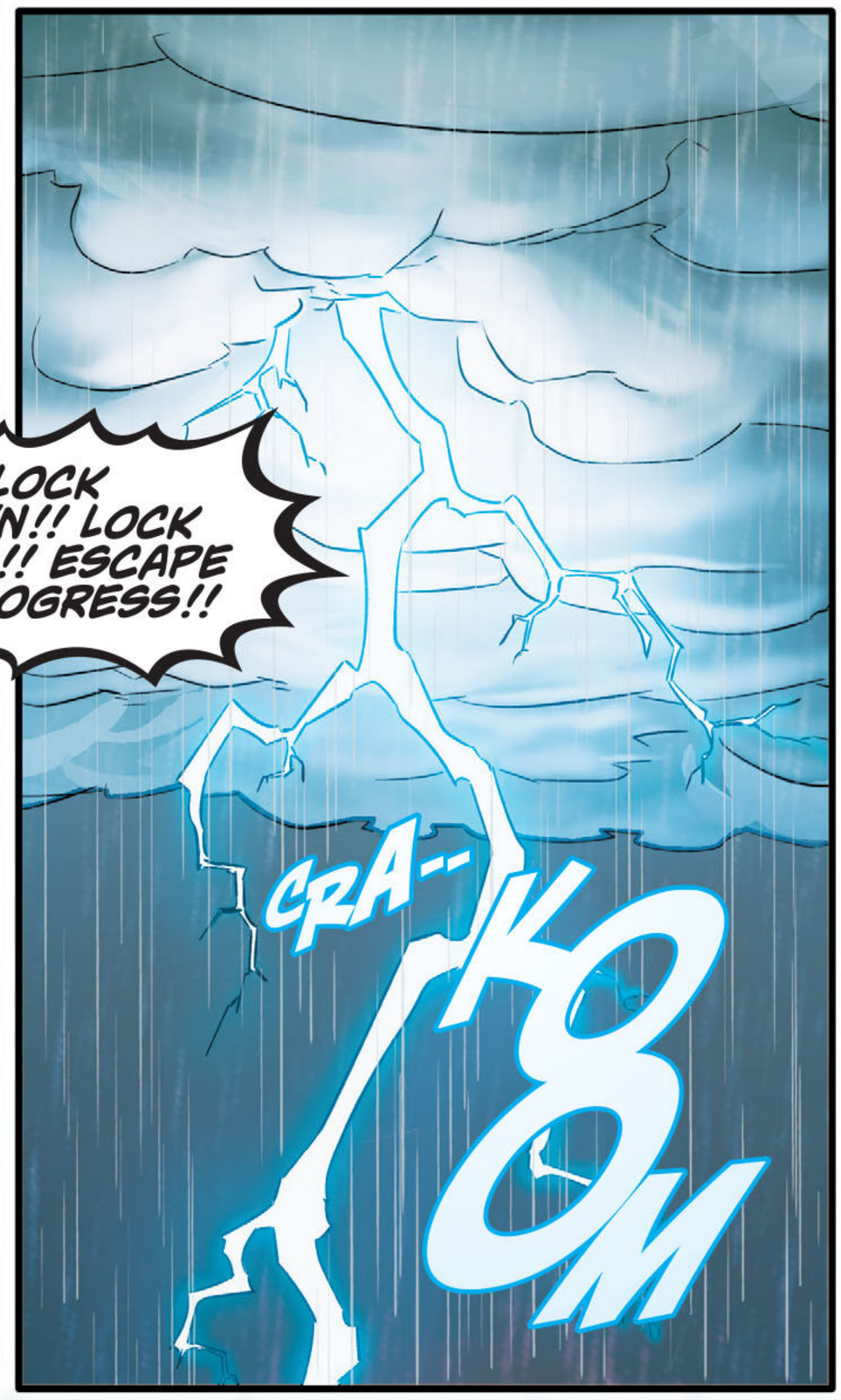
YOU SAID HE'S HAD A RECURRENCE AND THEY'RE STOPPING HIS SECOND ROUND OF CHEMO-THERAPY--
THAT MEANS HE'S DYING.


I WANT TO SEE HIM. TAKE AS MANY GUARDS WITH ME AS YOU LIKE! PUT ME IN AS MANY POWER DAMPENERS AS YOU CAN--IMMOBILIZE ME--BUT PLEASE--
LET ME SEE MY FATHER.
YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE FACILITY.

RAYHAN ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT ONCE HE EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED THEY'D LET HIM GO.
EVEN NOW, HE STILL BELIEVES THAT. HE LOVES AND RESPECTS THIS COUNTRY. HE BELIEVES IN ITS LAWS, ITS FREEDOMS, AS WELL AS ITS NEED FOR ORDER.

IT WAS OUT OF THAT RESPECT THAT HE NEVER TRIED TO LEAVE.

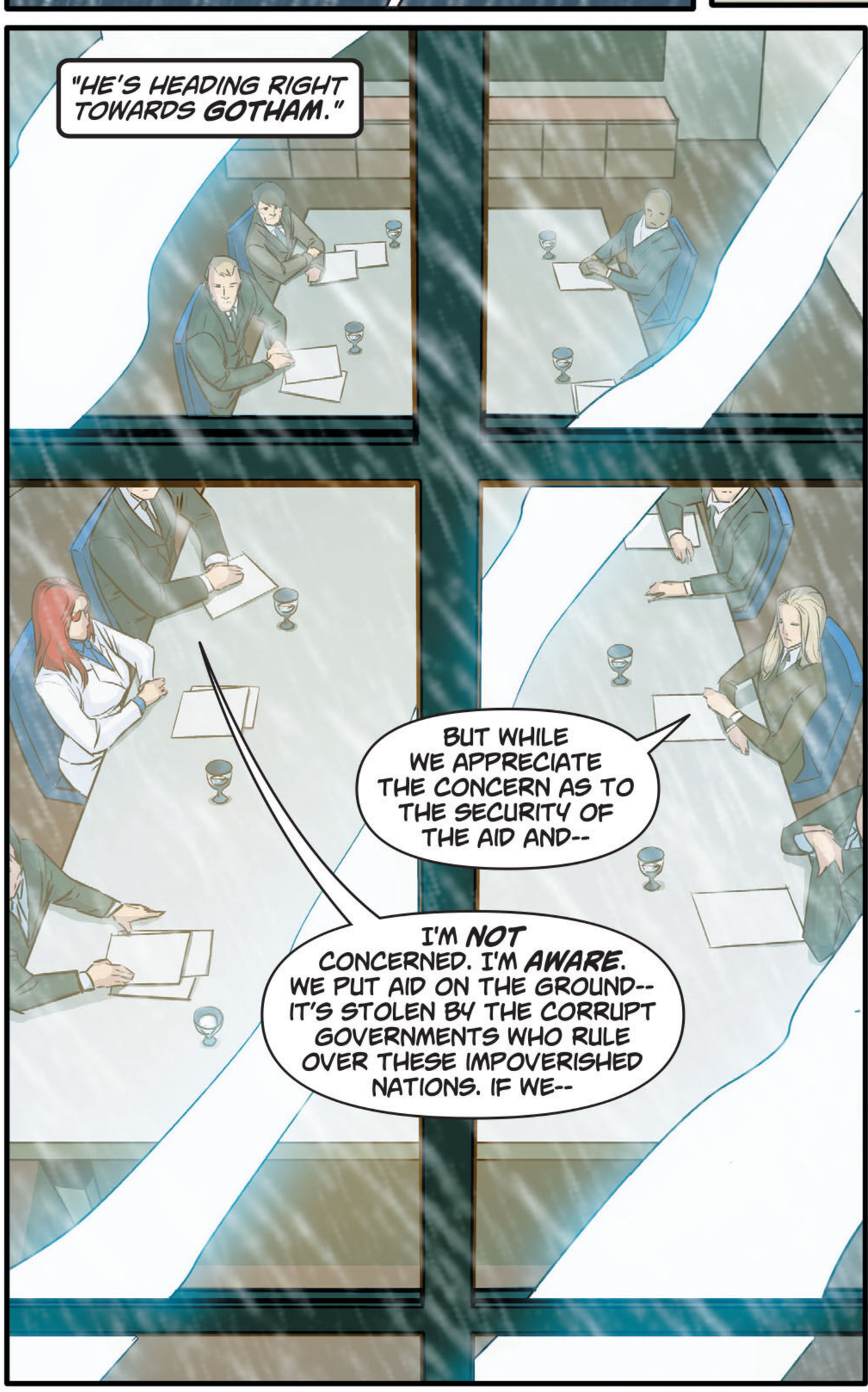
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS WITHIN HIS POWER ALL ALONG.
LOCK DOWN!! LOCK DOWN!! ESCAPE IN PROGRESS!!

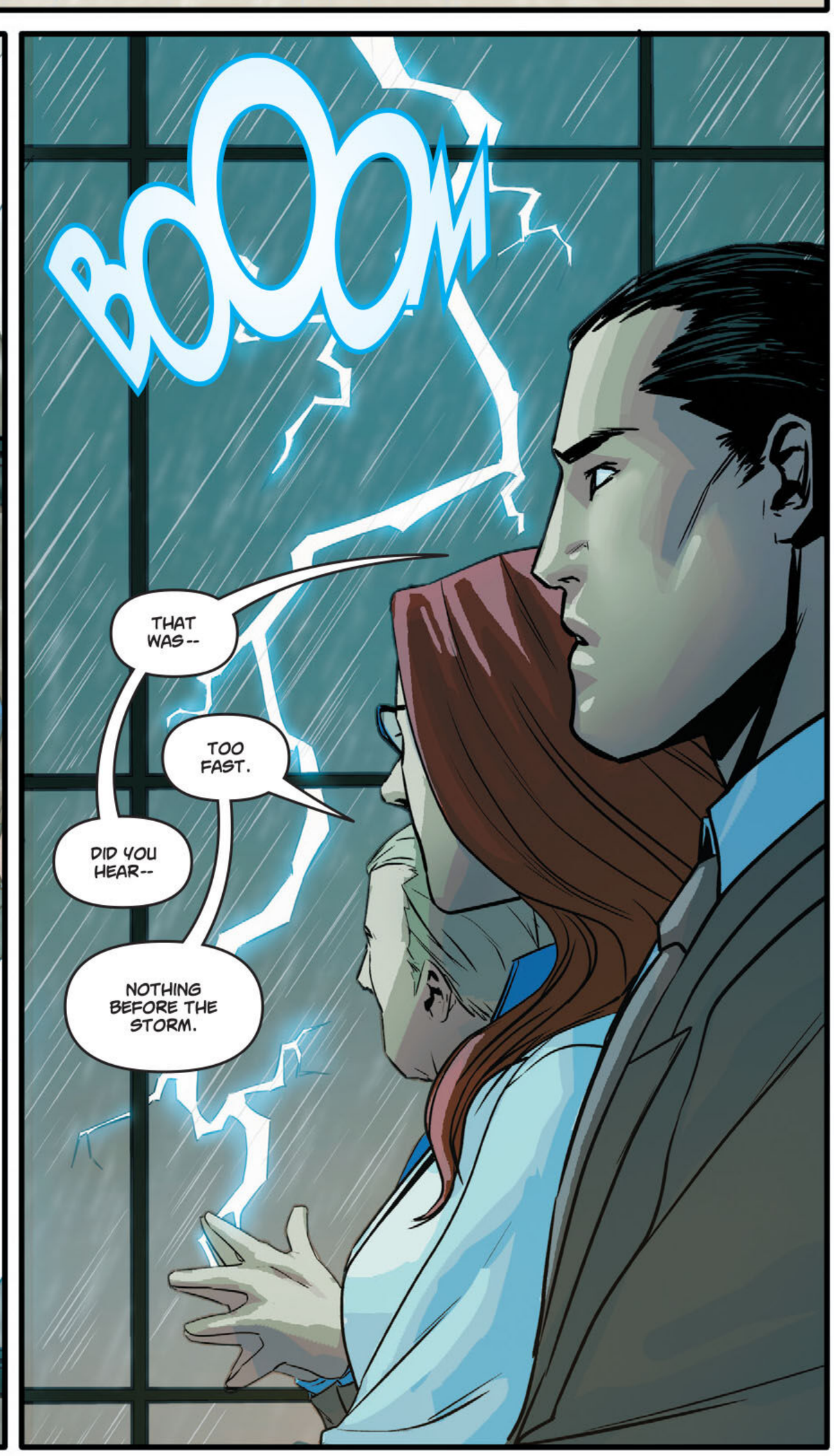

CRA--
KOM

ESCAPE IN PROGRESS.

GOD ALMIGHTY.

ORDERS, SIR?!
SHOULD WE LAUNCH NATIONAL SEARCH PARTY PROTOCOLS?!
YES. BUT WE KNOW WHERE HE'S GOING.

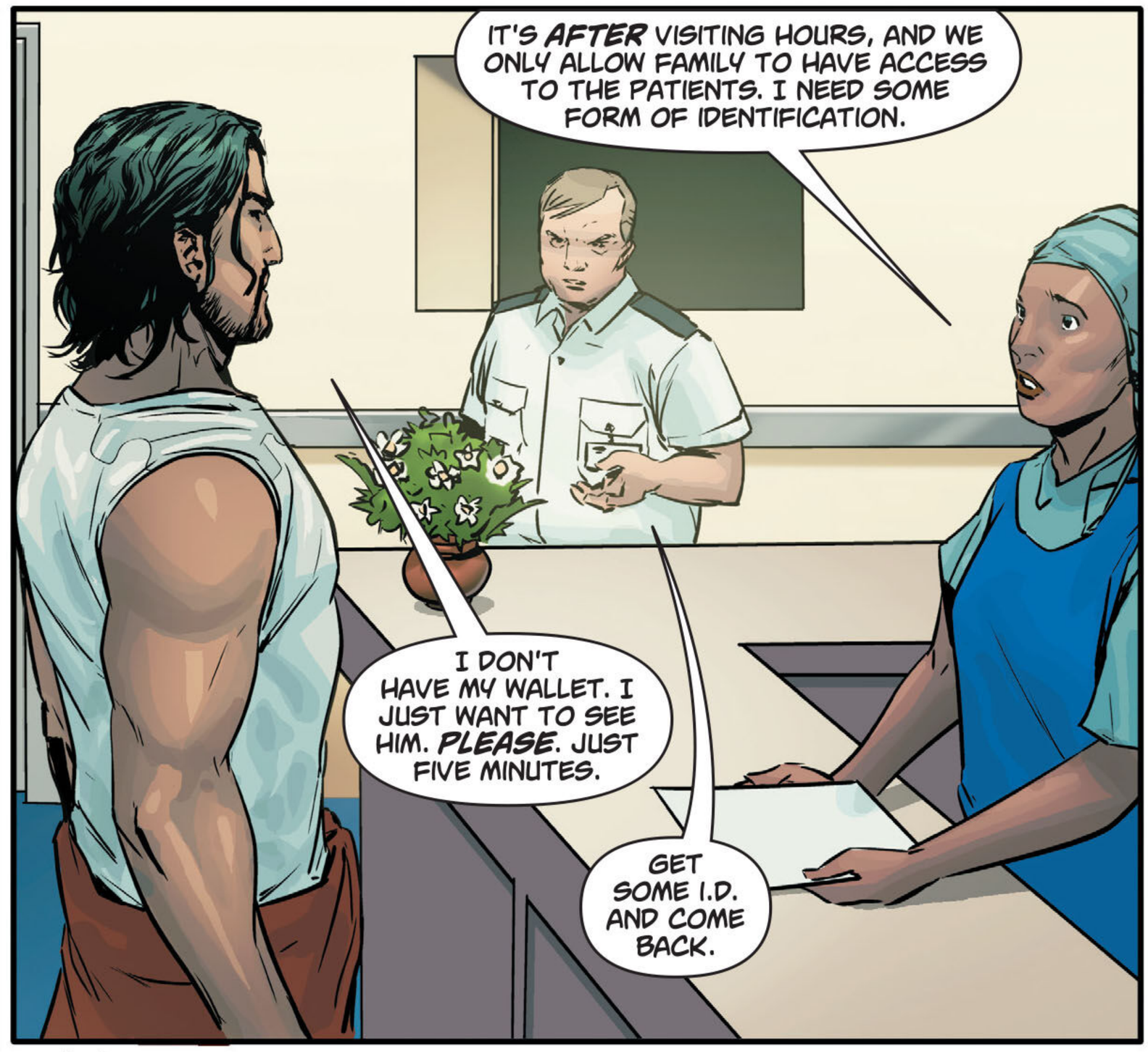

"HE'S HEADING RIGHT TOWARDS GOTHAM."
BUT WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE CONCERN AS TO THE SECURITY OF THE AID AND--
I'M NOT CONCERNED. I'M AWARE. WE PUT AID ON THE GROUND-- IT'S STOLEN BY THE CORRUPT GOVERNMENTS WHO RULE OVER THESE IMPOVERISHED NATIONS. IF WE--

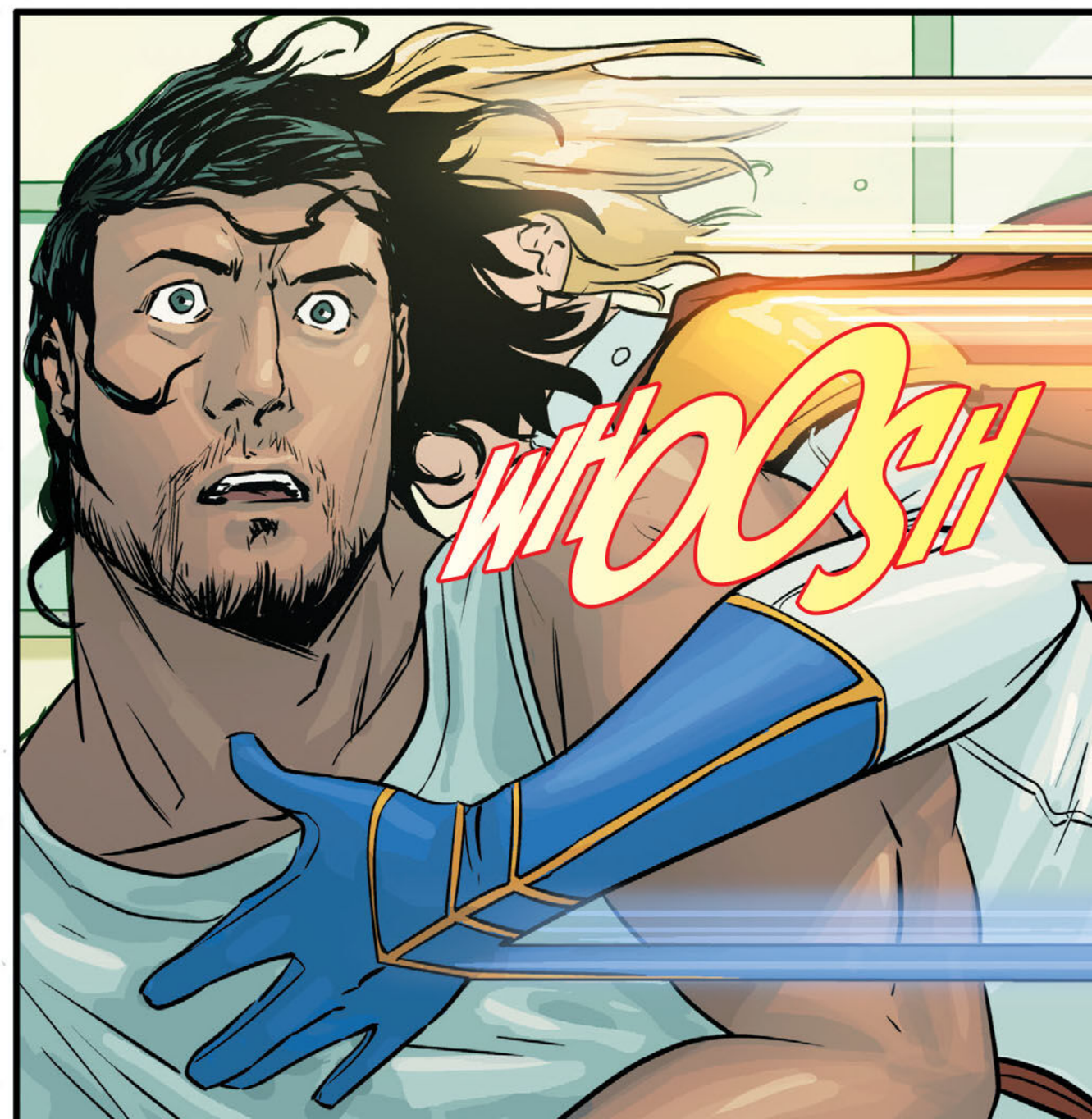

BOOM
THAT WAS--
TOO FAST.
DID YOU HEAR--
NOTHING BEFORE THE STORM.

"THIS ISN'T NATURAL."

"I'D LIKE TO SEE ADAL MAZIN."

GOTHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL





IT HAPPENS SO FAST, HE BARELY HAS TIME TO REACT.
READY!
READY.
ALL HE THINKS IS "NO."
NO.
NO.
NO.

KREEE-OOOSH
COOM

AND HE'S INFINITELY MORE ANGRY.

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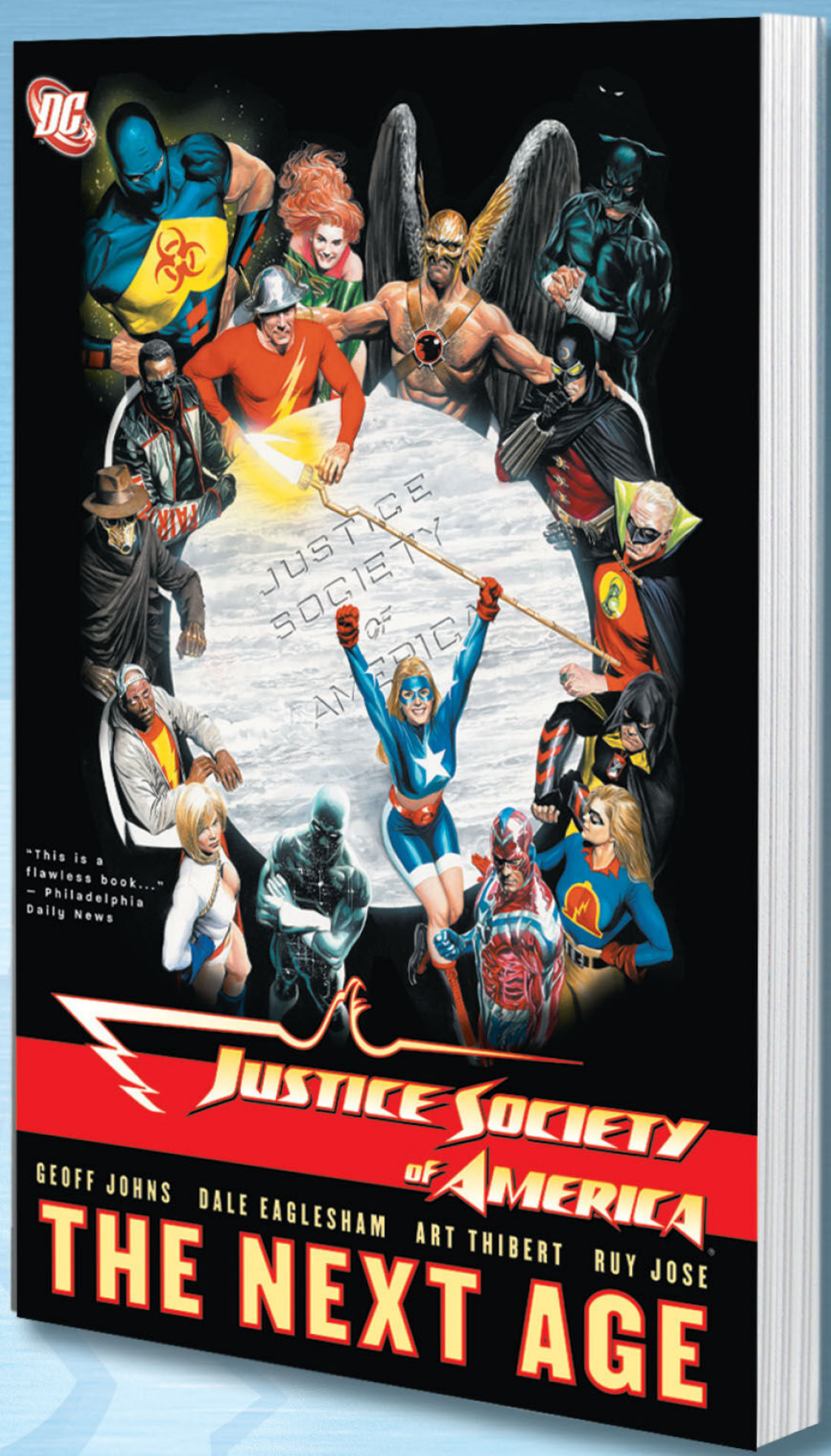

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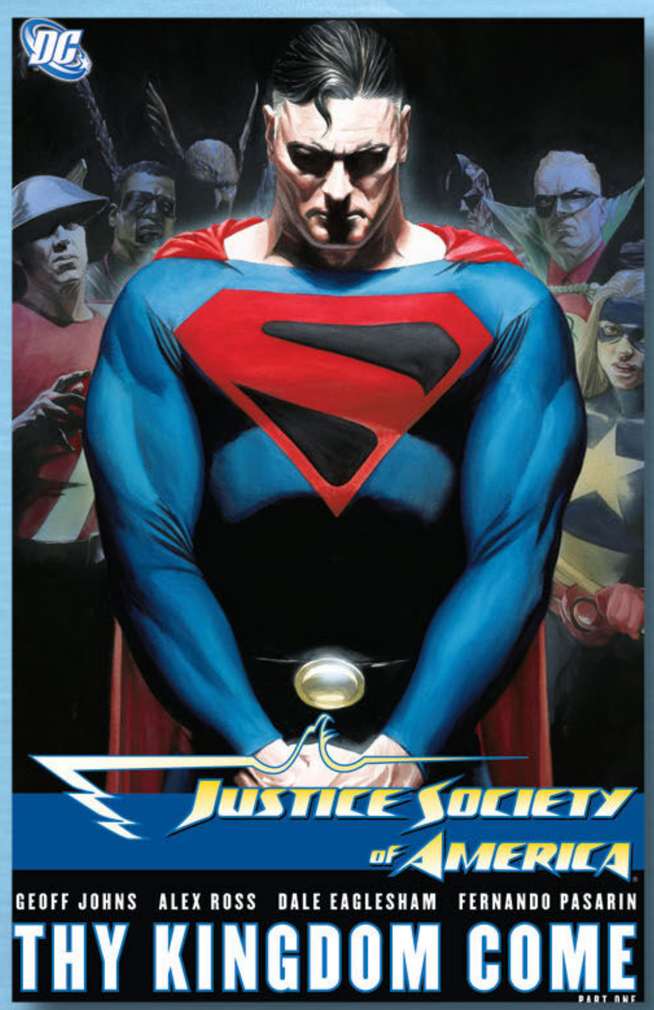

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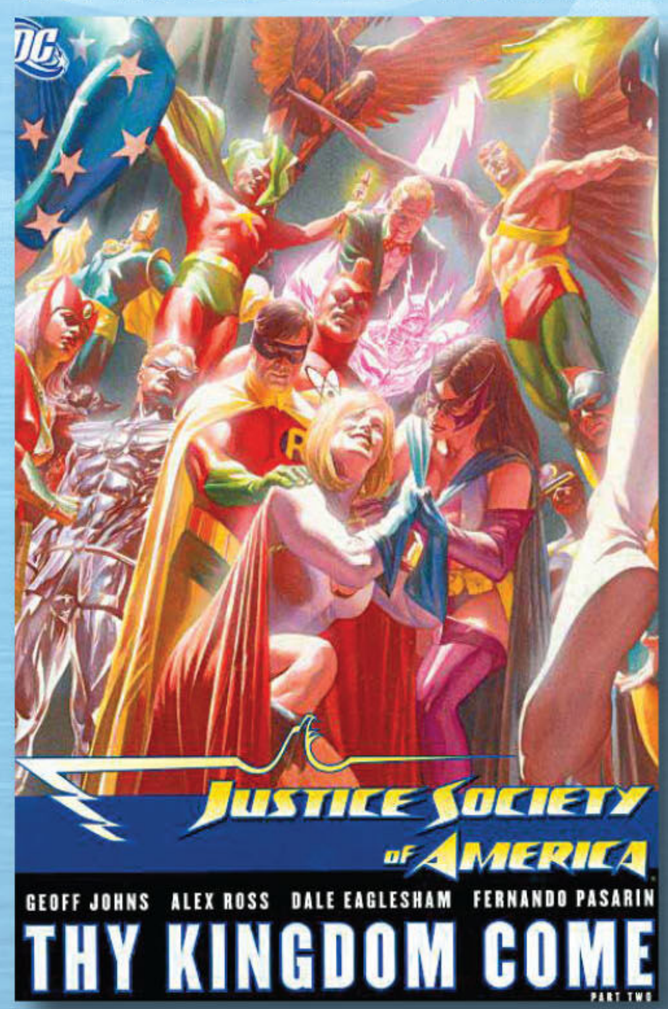

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